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Michael and Marcia,

It looks like the team meetings for these two mines will happen, pending availability of critical team members. We will try to take advantage of the Alaska team members being in Seattle for the Regional Mining Team Retreat on September 18. The NPDES program is retreating on the 17th so we are proposing the two mine teams (which are all the same except for John Pavitt) meet on the 16th. I wanted to extend an invitation to the two of you. Each mine will be discussed for up to half the day.

The draft agenda is:

Overview of parts of the mine - Hanh/John
Quick review of EPA responsibilities
 NEPA issues - Hanh (Hanh on Pebble?)
 NPDES issues - Cindi
 404 Issues - Phil

Quick review of studies relevant to the above.
Discussion about weaknesses, missing information and fatal flaws.
Discussion about the EPA position on all of the above.
Discussion about the appropriate action in response to our position.

As you know I feel that both of these projects merit consideration of a 404C veto. We will discuss this from a technical perspective and staff perspective at these meetings.

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